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H.B. No. 496

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AN ACT

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1<sup>st</sup> Printing

By: Cook of Colorado

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COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Tom Craddick  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

2/28/07  
(date)

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

to whom was referred HB 496 have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it

- (X) do pass, without amendment.
- ( ) do pass, with amendment(s).
- ( ) do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.
- (X) yes ( ) no A fiscal note was requested.
- ( ) yes (X) no A criminal justice policy impact statement was requested.
- ( ) yes (X) no An equalized educational funding impact statement was requested.
- ( ) yes (X) no An actuarial analysis was requested.
- ( ) yes (X) no A water development policy impact statement was requested.
- ( ) yes (X) no A tax equity note was requested.
- ( ) The Committee recommends that this measure be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

For Senate Measures: House Sponsor

Joint Sponsors:

Co-Sponsors:

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

|                      | AYE | NAY | PNV | ABSENT |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Puente, Chair        | X   |     |     |        |
| Hamilton, Vice-chair |     |     |     | X      |
| Gattis, CBO          | X   |     |     |        |
| Creighton            | X   |     |     |        |
| Gallego              |     |     |     | X      |
| Guillen              |     |     |     | X      |
| Hilderbran           | X   |     |     |        |
| Laubenberg           | X   |     |     |        |
| O'Day                | X   |     |     |        |
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Total

6 aye  
0 nay  
0 present, not voting  
3 absent

CHAIR

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 496  
By: Cook, Robby  
Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law provides that a soil and water conservation district director may receive mileage reimbursement at a rate of 18 cents a mile. There has not been an increase in the rate since 1981. H.B. 496 sets mileage reimbursement at the state rate specified in the General Appropriations Act.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

Sections 201.077 (a) and (c), Agriculture Code, are amended to change the current mileage reimbursement rate of 18 cents a mile to the state mileage reimbursement rate specified in the General Appropriations Act for the directors of a soil and water conservation district.

The changes in law contained in the Act only apply to travel that occurs on or after the effective date.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

H.B. 496 takes effect immediately if it receives 2/3rds vote in each chamber, otherwise it is effective September 1, 2007.

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

HB 496

February 21, 2007 2:00 PM or upon final adjourn./recess

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Considered in public hearing

Testimony taken in committee (See attached witness list.)

Left pending in committee

February 28, 2007 2:00 PM or upon final adjourn./recess

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Considered in public hearing

Reported favorably without amendment(s)

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WITNESS LIST

HB 496

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Natural Resources Committee

February 21, 2007 - 2:00 PM or upon final adjourn./recess

For: Kleimann, Jimmy (Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District)  
Schilling, Rick (Fayette County Soil & Water Conservation District)  
Shimek, Lawrence (Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District)



**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**Fiscal Analysis**

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**Methodology**

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**Local Government Impact**

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**Source Agencies:** 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board

**LBB Staff:** JOB, WK, ZS, JF

LIST OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS PREVIOUSLY UNDER CONSIDERATION

HB496-Second Reading

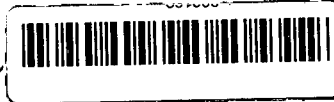
| <u>AMENDMENT#</u> | <u>AUTHOR</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>ACTION</u> |
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| 1                 | Cook, Robby   | Amendment          | Adopted       |

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Robert Hancey  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: [Signature]

1 Amend H.B. No. 496 by inserting the following appropriately  
2 numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

3 SECTION 2. Section 201.013(e), Agriculture Code, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

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Insert

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SECOND READING  
ENGROSSMENT

By: Cook of Colorado, et al.

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# HOUSE ENGROSSMENT

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Austin, Texas

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1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hegar)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 19, 2007;  
1-4 April 3, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural  
1-5 Resources; May 9, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-6 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 9, 2007, sent to printer.)

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FAVORABLE  
SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON

SB SCR SJR SR HB HCR HJR 496  
By Hegar  
(Author/Senate Sponsor)  
5-9-07  
(date)

We, your Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, to which was referred the attached measure,  
have on 05/08/07, had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it  
(date of hearing)  
back with the recommendation (s) that it:

☒ do pass and be printed

☐ do pass and be ordered not printed

☒ and is recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar.

A fiscal note was requested. ☒ yes ☐ no

A revised fiscal note was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no

Considered by subcommittee. ☐ yes ☒ no

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

|                           | YEA | NAY | ABSENT | PNV |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|--------|-----|
| Senator Averitt, Chair    | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Estes, Vice-Chair | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Brimer            | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Deuell            | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Duncan            |     |     | /      |     |
| Senator Eltife            | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Hegar             | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Hinojosa          | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Jackson           | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Seliger           | /   |     |        |     |
| Senator Uresti            | /   |     |        |     |
| TOTAL VOTES               | 10  | 0   | 1      | 2   |

COMMITTEE ACTION

S269 Considered in public hearing  
S270 Testimony taken

COMMITTEE CLERK

CHAIRMAN

Paper clip the original and one copy of this signed form to the original bill  
Retain one copy of this form for Committee files

WITNESS LIST

HB 496

Senate Committee Report

Natural Resources

April 24, 2007 - 8:00 AM

FOR:

Zetka, Norman (Bastrop County Soil and Water Conservation District), Smithville, TX

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

H.B. 496  
By: Cook, Robby, Keffer, Jim (Hegar)  
Natural Resources  
4/17/2007  
Engrossed

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Current law authorizes a soil and water conservation district director to receive mileage reimbursement at a rate of 18 cents a mile. There has not been an increase in the reimbursement rate since 1981. The soil and water conservation district directors are requesting that the rate be adjusted for inflation.

H.B. 496 amends the mileage reimbursement rate which a director is authorized to receive for certain travel by linking it to the state mileage reimbursement rate specified in the General Appropriation Act, rather than maintaining a fixed mileage reimbursement rate.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 201.077(a) and (c), Agriculture Code, as follows:

(a) Authorizes a director from the governing board of a conservation district to receive compensation for mileage accrued by the director for certain travel, as indicated by the state mileage reimbursement rate specified in the General Appropriation Act, rather than 18 cents a mile.

(c) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 201.013(e), Agriculture Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**Technology**

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**LBB Staff:** JOB, WK, ZS, JF



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# REQUEST FOR LOCAL & UNCONTESTED CALENDAR PLACEMENT

SENATOR KIM BRIMER, CHAIRMAN  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that HB 496, by Hagar,  
(Bill No.) (Author/Sponsor)

was heard by the Committee on Natural Resources on 05/08/07,  
2007,

and reported out with the recommendation that it be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

  
(Clerk of the reporting committee)

**IMPORTANT: A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO A COMMITTEE PRINTED VERSION OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION AND SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OFFICE, E1.714. DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

## ENROLLMENT

H.B. No. 496

### AN ACT

relating to mileage reimbursement for soil and water conservation district directors and delegates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 201.077(a) and (c), Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A director may receive compensation in an amount not to exceed \$30 for each day the director attends meetings of the board of directors, plus the state mileage reimbursement rate specified in the General Appropriations Act [~~18 cents a mile~~] for travel each way between the residence of the director and a designated meeting place within the boundaries of the conservation district.

(c) Two directors are entitled to receive \$30 a day for not more than two days, and one director is entitled to receive the state mileage reimbursement rate specified in the General Appropriations Act [~~18 cents a mile~~] for travel, while attending the annual statewide meeting of directors.

SECTION 2. Section 201.013(e), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Each delegate to a state district convention, or an alternate attending in the place of a delegate, is entitled to a per diem of \$30 a day for not more than two days and the state mileage reimbursement rate specified in the General Appropriations Act [~~18 cents a mile~~] for travel each way between the county seat of the

1 delegate's residence and the convention site. The state board  
2 shall pay the per diem and travel allowance.

3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
4 to travel that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.  
5 Travel occurring before the effective date of this Act is covered by  
6 the law in effect when the travel occurs, and the former law is  
7 continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

H.B. No. 496

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 496 was passed by the House on March 15, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 496 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

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Date

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Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 496<sup>✓</sup> was passed by the House  
(1)

on March 15<sup>✓</sup>, 2007, by the following vote:  
(2)

Yeas 145<sup>✓</sup>, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting<sup>✓</sup>  
(3) (4)

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Chief Clerk of the House

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on May 17<sup>✓</sup>, 2007, by the following vote:  
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(6) (7)

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

\*\*\*\* Preparation: CT24

80TH LEGISLATURE

COAUTHOR AUTHORIZATION

(please request your coauthors to sign this form  
in lieu of the front or the back of the original bill)

Bill or Resolution Number:

HB 496

signature of primary author

printed name of primary author

Date

PERMISSION TO SIGN

HB 496

HAS BEEN GIVEN TO (check only one of the following):

(bill or resolution #)

☒ ALL REPRESENTATIVES

☐ THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVE(S):

I authorize the Chief Clerk to include my name as a coauthor of the legislation indicated above:

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By

*Phil Cook*

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

relating to mileage reimbursement for soil and water conservation district directors.

JAN 08 2007

Filed with the Chief Clerk

FEB 05 2007

Read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources

FEB 28 2007

Reported        favorably (~~as amended~~)  
(~~Committee~~)

MAR - 7 2007

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)  
(~~Local & General Calendar~~)

MAR 14 2007

Read second time (~~Committee~~) (amended); passed to third reading (~~failed~~) by a (non-record vote)  
(~~record vote of~~        yeas,        nays,        present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend)  
by a vote of        yeas,        nays,        present, not voting

MAR 15 2007

Read third time (~~amended~~); finally passed (~~failed to pass~~) by a (~~non-record vote~~)  
(record vote of 145 yeas, 0 nays, 2 present, not voting)

MAR 15 2007

Engrossed

MAR 19 2007

Sent to Senate

*Robert Honey*  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

MAR 19 2007

Received from the House

APR 03 2007

Read and referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES

MAY 09 2007

Reported favorably       

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

MAY 17 2007

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)  
(       yeas,        nays)

MAY 17 2007

Read second time,       , and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)  
(~~a viva voce vote~~)  
(       yeas,        nays)

MAY 17 2007

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays

MAY 17 2007

Read third time,       , and passed by a (~~viva voce vote~~)  
(31 yeas, 0 nays)

Returned to the House

*Patsy Spaw*  
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER SENATE ACTION:

**MAY 17 2007**

Returned from the Senate (~~as substituted~~)  
(~~with amendments~~)

House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee  
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

House conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair; \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: \_\_\_\_\_, Chair;  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting)

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)  
(record vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays)

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**